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President's Message

Happy Holidays

I hope everyone had a Happy Holiday and that the New Year will fulfill your wishes and dreams. I hope that the New Year will start with everyone paying their dues and taking advantage of the fantastic club we have all helped to create. Over the holiday I have tried to visit each of the ranges and talk with the members using them. I find most input to be that of people enjoying themselves and I find that gratifying. I heard constructive criticism in the form of suggestions for the coming year and will attempt to do what I can to make the best ones happen and implement what is best for all.

Volunteers

I would like to start by thanking all the people who volunteered to work around the club. Every month many of you volunteer to help repair and clean up around the club. It's the little things, like unloading birds, picking up brass on the firing line, and removing used targets. Those are the things that keep our ranges looking nice.

Hunter Education

We got a Hunter Education Instructors Class scheduled at our club in March and we are working on a second class. This will hopefully lighten the burden on the current instructor corps.

Events

Remember, we are always having events at the range, so check your calendar before coming to shoot. We have upcoming matches that could impact your shooting on Range 1 and on the pistol range.

Dues and Donations

Remember 2002 dues expire December 31. If you haven't gotten your renewal in yet, do it now. Thank you to all those members that are including donations with their renewals they are always appreciated and have sig-

nificantly helped extend our budget for repairs and maintenance around the club.

A Few Reminders

We are having trouble with people locking the gate when shotgun is open. The rule for general members is to leave the gate as you found it; in other words if it locked when you drive up to it relock it after you let yourself in or out. If it is open when you drive up to it, then leave it open. For those that are running events, like Sunday and Monday night archery, if you are the last person to leave lock it, otherwise leave it unlocked. This will require that you check to make sure shotgun is closed. If the gate to shotgun is open, it is probably open and you will need to drive out and check. If the shotgun gate is closed and no vehicles are at the Pistol Range, then you need to lock the gate as you leave. If you have any questions, check with appropriate Committee Chairman or check with me.

I do need to remind everyone, that not all work parties are pre-planned, sometimes things pop-up and must be taken care of immediately. Your understanding during these times would be appreciated. Thanks, from all the volunteers that work so hard to make this a better place.

Elections

It is time to think about elections. Believe it or not, it is only three months until ballots go out. If you want to run for the Board of Directors, we need your name by Mid February. If you are interested contact any Board member. All Board Members on listed on the left side of the first page of this newsletter, just look to the left.

Happy New Year and have fun
Carl Brattain

ITS YOUR CLUB, GET INVOLVED!

WCW Board Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2002

Meeting called to order by President Carl Brattain at 8:00 PM. All Board members were present except Dave Alvar and Joe Waldron.

The minutes of the pervious meeting were accepted as published.

Guests

Ed Pack, Phil Murray, Larry Lohkamp and Richard Ripley.

Committee Reports

Richard Ripley and Phil Murray gave reports on the proposed 2003 Firearms Education schedule.

Ed Pack reported on the final results of the 2002 Hunter Ed program.

Larry Mallory gave his report on Shotgun Committee activities. Larry Lohkamp reported on the Range Committee activities.

Orientation

The following new members have completed orientation:

- Harold and Deborah Bantle
- Gary Baxter
- Michael Boehm
- Daniel and Jennifer Bourgoin
- William and Ilene Carry
- Roi Gift
- George and Jong Goundry
- Douglas Hadley
- Jon Hancock
- Phil and Darlene Hays
- Frank and Anne Mauger
- Scott Miller
- Rudolph Perea
- Bruce Pleasant

Old Business

Myron Olson, Chairman of Trustees, reported that the inventory of club firearms had been completed.

New Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm
Respectfully submitted, Daniel Barton
Recording Secretary

Donations

We receive many donations during the course of a yearand we are very grateful. While we are not a charity and donations are not charitable contributions for tax purposes, all donations are put to work improving the facility and its operations.

This month we received:

\$110 Donations

Peter Mottner

\$100 Donations

Francis Andrews
Michael White
Leslie Cole

\$80 Donations

Henry Grenley
Paul Landes

\$60 Donations

Andrew Zuccotti
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Dennis Tyskiewicz
Gary Bloxham

\$5 Donations

Robert Lyman

Thanks!!!



DCM/Highpower Rifle Match

Only four days from the Christmas bash, we had 23 intrepid High Power shooters turn out for a record-breaking prone match at the Wildlife Committee of Washington (aka Kenmore Range). The weather was tolerable, and temperatures, if not balmy, were at least endurable - even without Valentine's Propane heaters!

Eight High Masters, six Masters - including two Master Unclassified - two Sharpshooters, and seven Marksmen made up the shooting squad. Even better, we had three Junior shooters - two of whom were repeats! That is where our future lies.

Match winner was Jay Brooks, with a range record-tying 600-53X. First High Master was Felix (Bud) Solis, with a 600-51X, but note that Bud's second string was a 200-20X - A Range record, and a would-be National record-tying string, had we been Registered, instead of just "Approved" by the NRA. Second HM was Wes Hall, with a 599-45X.

Steve Fischer took the Master First Place with a 594-27X, just edging out Scott Lorenz, at 593-23X, for second. This may explain why the writer is hesitant to even shoot with these guys!

The Marksman Class was won by Vancouver (WA) resident Lance Warthen, with a 568-13x. Jeremy Carter - a junior - shooting only his second ever High Power match, shot a 457-5X, to take second Marksman. It should be noted that Jeremy was shooting a Moisin-Nagant Model 54 (?) 7.62x54, with a muzzle blast that you wouldn't believe - and he still overcame the rest of the marksman field! Again, no monetary awards are given to prize-winning juniors, in order to maintain their "amateur" status for future NCAA or other collegiate competitions. Brag-

ging rights are encouraged, however! The next 60 Prone match at Kenmore is scheduled for 18 January. Come on out and enjoy the covered firing line and the Winter weather!

Dick Abbey



Report - December

Record low attendance! (Besides September - Canceled). It is hard to tell if it's just that time of the year or if interest from this user group is dwindling. Hopefully everyone was just busy! The "core" group of members that participate in keeping this discipline active is getting smaller. We'd really like to see some of the newer members step forward and breathe some "new blood and energy" into the group. I for one would really like to mix things up with some new and exciting activities, but by myself I'm not that creative.

I hope all had safe and Happy Holidays!

Meeting - November

John Ames has informed those present at the meeting that he plans not to carry out the advertising duties for the 2003 3-D. We need someone to step forward who is willing to accept the challenge. John has the information and process very organized and he's willing to "mentor" the person who volunteers.

For those of you who use the walk-through course during the winter months, be observant to any target placement that you feel isn't of satisfactory safety. If you see something that you liked reviewed, just drop me a note.

Indoor archery is now underway. Shooting is open Sunday and Monday nights from 7-9pm.

Darian A Carpenter



**Kenmore Range
Benchrest
Matches**

December Results

December can bring some odd climatic conditions to our range. Sometimes it can give us perfect calm and is the best time to test loads or a new rifle. On our match day it was initially very calm but also a bank of fog sat itself down right on top of range number one and stayed there for an hour and a half.

So, for the first time in years we shot at 100 yards- which for many of our shooters is pretty much point blank. Nine shooters scored 100, with the best X count going to Allen Condiff and Rod McDonald with 9 (out of 10). This is terrific shooting since the X dot is about 1/8 inch in diameter. Virgil Corn (with a factory gun), Mustafa Bilal and Mac McCluskey all had 6X and Leonard Nicol and Rick Graham had 5X.

Eventually the fog cleared and we could see our 300 yard targets. Rick was first in the first match scoring 100-4X with a customized .223, Mustafa was next with 100-3X and Don Gillard was third with 99-3X.

In our last match (300 yards) Mustafa scored 100-3X as well as did Rod, Allen was second with 99-2X and Rick was right behind with 99-1X. Congratulations to Mustafa for scoring 100 in each match with multiple Xs, as I believe he did last month.

Next match is Jan. 4, so clear up that hangover and head for the range. Any questions call Richard Nicol at 206 784-1093.

**YOUR 2003 DUES
ARE DUE NOW!**



Legislatively Speaking by Joe Waldron

Election results

Across the nation, voters appeared to prefer the Republican message to that offered by Democrats. Bucking the conventional wisdom, Republicans picked up at least five seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, increasing their margin. And in the U.S. Senate, Republicans regained control of the Senate with 51 seats.

The Republican mini-revolution apparently stopped just short of the west coast, but there is one bright light on the horizon. Republicans will take control of the state Senate by a one seat margin, 25-24, the same margin Democrats held in the past session. That means the committee chairmanships will be held by Republicans and Republicans will set the agenda.

In the state House of Representatives, Republicans lost two seats, giving Democrats a 52-46 edge. That gives gun owners a potentially hostile House, but a Senate that (hopefully) can block bad legislation.

D.C. Outlook

With Republicans in control of both chambers of Congress, it is unlikely we'll see much movement on the gun control issue for the next several months. To be sure, bills will be filed, and gun control advocacy groups such as the Brady Bunch, Americans for Gun Safety and the Violence Policy Center will continue to put out press releases calling for this or that, but it's unlikely that anything will happen in the immediate future. In the aftermath of the DC-area sniper shootings, we may see a bill passed calling for a study on the so-called "ballistic fingerprinting" issue, but that's all we should have to face at this time.

Olympia Watch

The state legislature goes back into session on January 6th. Washington Ceasefire has already announced their legislative agenda for 2003. At the top

of the list is a gun show "loophole" bill (maybe you've seen the sensational gun show "exposes" on Seattle TV lately), along with ballistic "fingerprinting," "crime gun" tracing, police access to mental health records and enhanced penalties for firearm dealers who commit paperwork violations. The gun rights advocacy community will be promoting an agenda of its own, focusing on general gun safety education in our schools. It should be interesting to see how the two approaches are received.

GOAL Post

Once again, I will be publishing the GOAL Post, a weekly summary of activity in Olympia, during the legislative session. Distribution is by e-mail only, and is free to anyone who asks. Just send me an e-mail request (subscribe GOAL Post) to jwaldron@halcyon.com and I'll add your name to the list. I'll be starting distribution early in January. GOAL Post is the ONLY summary of legislative activity that allows you to influence what happens, vice reading about it after the fact.

If you have any questions about firearms-related legislative issues, or Washington gun laws in general, please call me at my Bellevue office at (425) 454-4911. I am not an attorney, nor do I practice law, but I have had a hand in writing or amending much of the firearms code on the law books today. I can provide a layman's interpretation to Washington firearms code and how it is being interpreted.

YOUR 2003 DUES ARE DUE NOW!

In fact they are past due as of the first of the year. Don't let your club privileges disappear, pay your dues today.

Web Talk

Have you visited the web site lately? It is designed to be visited often and things are added and changed all the time. The calendar on the site is the "official club schedule" of events, so check it often.

We have ran several contests in the last few months. Winners have received \$45-\$50. The last couple of months I posted what I thought was a rather fun and difficult game of mini-golf. It got some pretty good play from the members. It also got some very good scores! Much better than I expected. The winning score was 22 and the winner got a nice Christmas present.

I will leave the game on for a while in case anyone else would like to give it a try just for fun.

I have noticed that several members have printed out the application and used it as a renewal. The renewal form is on the site and easy to find, so please use it.

Several members have complained that they can only access the first page of the posted calendar. If this happens to you, the first thing you should try is hitting the refresh/reload button on your browser to force the browser to load from the site rather than from your disk drive.

Acrobat Reader (for the pdf files) has many features which are useful, including the ability to reduce or enlarge the page and a button to display multiple pages on the screen. It also allows you to enter information right on the screen and fill in our forms before printing them out....makes it a lot easier to read when we receive them.